

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Paul Sharer on 10/24/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 2, at the end of claim (line 2): formula (1) is amended to; formula (1).

Claim 11, due to its multiple dependencies from claims 10 and 2, is amended to following in its entirety, as written below:

11- (IAmended) A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the multi-ester includes at least one compound of the formula (1): ~~R¹(XR²)_n~~ where X, R₁, R₂ and n are as defined in claim 2, the compound having a molecular weight of not more than 750.

R¹(XR²)_n (1)

where

X is -C(O)O- or -OC(O)-; such that

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R₁ is a direct bond or the residue of a C1 to C10 hydrocarbyl group from which n hydrogen atoms have been removed; and

R₂ is a C1 to C10 hydrocarbyl group; and

where X is -OC(O)-;

R₁ is or the residue of C2 to C10 hydrocarbyl group from which n hydrogen atoms have been removed; and

R₂ is H or a C1 to C10 hydrocarbyl group; and

n is from 2 to 5;

the compound having a molecular weight of not more than 750.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 10/24/08 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of 10/518,916 has been reviewed and is approved. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-21 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art of record is Murphy et al. (US 6,369,014). Murphy et al. teach a dry cleaning system comprising liquid carbon dioxide comprising solvents of carbohydrate group having at least one bond to an ester, ether, amine group, amide group or a divalent group comprising P. Murphy et al. do not teach a detergent free CO₂ based dry cleaning medium with specific amount of multi ester groups (with molecular weight of no more than 750) of instant claims 1 and 10. Examiner was unable to locate any prior art evidence over which one of ordinary skill in the art would have anticipated the instant application or rendered it obvious. As such claims are found to be allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dr. M. Reza Asdjodi whose telephone number is (571)270-3295. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dr. Mark Eashoo can be reached on 571-272-1197. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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